

PREFACE

This revision of State Guide Plan Element 212, the *Industrial Land Use Plan*, has the same overarching goal as its predecessor: *to keep enough land in Rhode Island in industrial use to sustain the state's economy*. As the "New Economy" takes root and grows, we remain committed to Element 212's principal purpose, encouraging prudent public and private investment programs to provide the land and facilities necessary to create the conditions that foster economic growth.

In the *Industrial Land Use Plan* published in 1990, the staff of the Statewide Planning Program observed that "the availability of 'good' industrial land is being threatened by competition from the residential housing market, undercapitalization, and the lack of specific direction from the public sector. These circumstances must be addressed before any policies to reserve land for industry can be implemented, or even proposed." Progress has been made in this regard, through the comprehensive planning process and its link to the State Guide Plan, the "brownfields" rehabilitation program launched by the R.I. Department of Environmental Management, and the mill building reuse initiative undertaken by the Enterprise Zone Council and the R.I. Economic Development Corporation. These programs are discussed in this plan.

As in 1990, Statewide Planning enlisted the help of planners in the 39 cities and towns of Rhode Island to compile and revise local information and maps of industrial parcels. A big improvement was the use of Maptitude®, a mapping program developed specifically for the personal computer. Revisions to maps of industrial-zoned land were incorporated into the plan with far greater speed and accuracy than ever before.

Many staff members responsible for the former plan were involved in this one. This amendment was prepared by Mr. Bruce F. Vild, Supervising Planner, Mr. Everett Carvalho, Senior Planner, and Ms. Joyce Karger, Senior Planner, of the Economic Development Planning Section of Statewide Planning. They performed this task under the supervision of Mr. John P. O'Brien, Chief of Statewide Planning. Mr. Carvalho prepared maps and other graphics, and was responsible for assembling, revising, and maintaining the Industrial Site Inventory. Mr. John D. Stachelhaus, Rhode Island Geographic Information System Coordinator, assisted in identifying active sites on the state CERCLIS (Comprehensive Environmental Recovery, Compensation, and Liability Information System) list.

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Richmond; Ms. Rosemary Eva, Chair of the Tiverton Planning Board; Mr. Raymond Goff, West Greenwich Town Planner; Ms. Nancy Hess, Town Planner for Charlestown; Mr. Anthony W. Lachowicz, Director of Planning for South Kingstown; Mr. Kevin Flynn, Planning Director for Cranston; Ms. Kathleen Crawley, Lincoln Research Analyst; and Mr. L. Vincent Murray and Mr. Lee Whitaker of the Town of East Greenwich, all of whom updated our files on local industrial sites.

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Report Organization

The *Industrial Land Use Plan* is divided into parts and chapters each with a number designation. For example, Part Two, Chapter Three is headed **02-03**. Each part is paginated separately. Page numbers appear at the bottom of each page, the part number first, then a decimal point, and then the page number. Thus the second page of Part Two is numbered **2.2**.

Tables and figures follow a convention established by Statewide Planning whereby each is keyed to the State Guide Plan by a hyphenated numbering system. A three-digit number preceding the hyphen corresponds to one of the following categories of the Guide Plan:

000	State Guide Plan Overview
100	Resources Management and Utilization
200	Economic Development
300	Environmental Programs
400	Human Services
500	(Reserved)
600	Transportation Systems
700	Utility Systems
800	(Reserved)
900	(Reserved)

The *Industrial Land Use Plan* falls within the Economic Development category and is numbered **212**. The numbering system for each table and figure therefore designates, for example, the second table in Part Two as **Table 212-02(2)**. The number **212** also appears before each part number (e.g., **212-01**, **212-02**).

This report incorporates a system of citing sources that should relieve some of the congestion common to footnotes in this type of document. All references are

numbered in the Bibliography in the order in which they are cited in the plan. Numbers enclosed by double parentheses indicates citations in the text. The authors credit a direct quotation by using the reference number from the Bibliography, followed by the number of the page on which the quotation is found in the reference. Thus, quoted or paraphrased material from page 22 of the ninth reference listed in the Bibliography will be cited ((9:22)). Narrative that relies on significant portions of one or more references, and footnotes that clarify the text, will be identified by reference number only (e.g., ((9))).

Adoption

This report was adopted by the State Planning Council as Element 212 of the State Guide Plan on August 10, 2000. It replaced the older version of the *Industrial Land Use Plan*, also designated Element 212, on that date.